

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 627

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor Christian broadcaster Bettye Russell on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those citizens who dedicate their lives to serving their communities and this State through their unwavering service to the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Russell is one such estimable person who recently retired from broadcasting after an illustrious fifty-three year career at WMCH 1260 AM; and

WHEREAS, WMCH was founded by Bettye Russell's father in 1954, and the station is Hawkins County's oldest radio station; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Russell began her career as a broadcaster on a morning show playing easy listening music and then transitioned to the Rhoton and Smith Hymn Time show until she sold the station in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Russell returned to the airwaves with the Bettye Russell Show in 2006 to continue ministering to the people of her community through Christian radio; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Russell fondly recalls the relationships that she has built with her long-time listeners and the musicians, politicians, and pastors she has met throughout her esteemed career; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body recognize Bettye Russell as a pillar of her community who ministers to her listeners through her fine career in Christian radio; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bettye Russell on her estimable career

as a broadcaster, reflect upon the many people her broadcasts have touched, and extend our best wishes for a happy and relaxing retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.